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[redacted]: to A/D, DPD

In line with agreement reached in meeting with ARPA and the Army last week the following steps have been taken by the Office of Security to effect the secure handling of Project ARGON from this Headquarters.

a. For security reasons the name VEDAS has been discontinued and the activity has officially become known as Project ARGON. This name has been coordinated with Mr. Parangosky and also with Dr. Golivan of ARPA.

b. On 23 June 1959 a wire was sent to both BMD and LMSD advising them of the new name and requesting them to discontinue using the name of VEDAS. They were instructed that there will be a strict effort to compartment Project ARGON and Project CORONA.

c. The Office of Security, DPD, is in the process of printing appropriate briefing statements in order that formal briefings of ARGON personnel can commence during the week of 29 June.

In discussions with Dr. Golivan it was learned that ARPA now has a directive prepared which would officially cancel Project VEDAS within DOD. Dr. Golivan will be present at a meeting at Proj Hqs on 24 June at which time he will discuss this directive with us.

Also for your info in initiating our security program for this proj, we plan to ultimately cancel all so-called VEDAS clearances in order that all individuals on the lists now in the hands of ARPA and the Army might be eliminated except for those who will have a need for an ARGON clearance.

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Memo to AC/DPD

7. Hawaii Control Center (CORONA)
Recovery procedures and shipment of film to the Processing Center was discussed with L/C Ahola. See also Mr. Green's report.

a. Mylar plastic inner containers for the shipping containers have been received since the last visit of the undersigned in Feb.

b. Shipping containers are currently being stored in Hangar #4 at Hickam AFB.

c. Since our return Ops Pol Ltr 103 has been published. This directive contains detailed instructions for the NCC (L/C Ahola) as to handling and shipping of recoverable capsule.

A very successful and productive trip; well received and mutual exchange of information will permit resolution of problems in Field and at Hqs.